



ASHBY WOULD S  
URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL  
  
ANNUAL REPORT  
  
OF THE  
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH  
  
AND  
SURVEYOR AND PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR  
  
FOR THE YEAR  
  
1966

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To: The Chairman and Members of The Ashby Woulds Urban District Council

Mr Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report for the year 1966.

According to the Registrar General's estimate the population has decreased from 3330 to 3270.

The birth rate (13.1) is higher than last year (10.6) and lower than that for England and Wales (17.7).

The death rate (11.1) is higher than last year (10.6) and lower than that for England and Wales (11.7).

Again as for many years past the chief causes of death were in diseases associated with elderly people.

There were 23 cases of infectious diseases 16 of which were Measles, and 7 Whooping Cough.

No cases of Tuberculosis were notified during the year.

There has been further damage to water mains, sewers and houses due to mining subsidence.

Plans for joint sewage works with Ashby-de-la-Zouch Rural District Council and The Ashby-de-la-Zouch Urban District Council are well advanced.

Two houses have been erected by private enterprise and one was under construction by private enterprise at the end of the year.

The number of applicants waiting for Council houses is 128 and the number of fresh applications received during the year was 59.

The standard of hygiene in the shops and canteens in the district is most satisfactory.

Good progress continues to be made in the implementing of the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations 1960.



During the year a Meals on Wheels Service was increased and now twelve elderly infirm people are supplied with two hot meals a week under this scheme.

It is a pleasure to take this opportunity of thanking the Chairman, Members and Officers of the Council, the Public Health Department of the County Council and the General Practitioners in the locality for their help and co-operation.

In particular, I would like to thank the Surveyor and Public Health Inspector, for valuable assistance throughout the year.

I remain, Gentlemen,  
Your obedient Servant,

A. Mc.M. W. Segerdal.

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## SECTION 'A'

### General Statistics and Social Conditions of the Area

Area of District in acres	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2427
Population (Registrar General's Estimate Mid 1966)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3270
Number of Inhabited houses at the end of 1966	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1088
Rateable Value 1st April 1966	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	£168680
Sum represented by a Penny Rate (Estimated)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	£563
Comparability - Births	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1.07
- Deaths	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1.16

The chief industries of the district are Coal Mining, Earthenware and Clay Working, Engineering and Agriculture. No industry was noted as having an injurious effect on the health of the district. The district is affected by mining subsidence but prompt attention to the damage to mains and sewers has ensured that there is little danger to health and the minimum of inconvenience to the inhabitants.

There are three recreation grounds in the Urban District with a total area of  $10\frac{1}{4}$  acres.

### VITAL STATISTICS

(Figures in brackets are those for England & Wales)

Live Births	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	40	
Live Birth Rate (adjusted)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	13.1	(17.7)
Still Births	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0	
Still Birth Rate per 1,000 Total (live and Still) births	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0	(15.7)
Total Births (live and Still)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	40	
Infant Deaths	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	
Infantile Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	25.0	(19.0)
Infantile Mortality Rate per 1,000 Legitimate births	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	27.0	
Infantile Mortality Rate per 1,000 Illegitimate births	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Nil	
Neo-natal Mortality Rate (first four weeks) per 1,000 related Live Births	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	25.0	(12.9)
Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate (first week) per 1,000 related Live Births	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	25.0	(11.1)
Peri-natal Mortality Rate (still birth and early neo-natal Mortality Combined) per 1,000 total live and still births	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	25.0	(26.3)
Percentage of Illegitimate Live Births	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7.5	
Maternal deaths including Abortion	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0	
Maternal Mortality Rate (including Abortion per 1,000 Total Births)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0	(0.26)
Death Rate per 1,000 of population (crude)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9.78	
Death Rate per 1,000 of population (adjusted)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11.1	(11.7)





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	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Live Births - Legitimate	19	18	37
- Illegitimate	2	1	3
	<u>21</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>40</u>
Still Births - Legitimate	0	0	0
- Illegitimate	0	0	0
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Births (Live and Still)	21	19	40
	<u>-----</u>	<u>-----</u>	<u>-----</u>
	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Deaths .. .. .	18	14	32
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<u>Deaths of Infants</u> (under 1 year of age)	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	1	0	1
Illegitimate	0	0	0
	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>
	<u>-----</u>	<u>-----</u>	<u>-----</u>
<u>Death of Infants</u> (under 4 weeks of age)	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	1	0	1
Illegitimate	0	0	0
	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>
	<u>-----</u>	<u>-----</u>	<u>-----</u>
<u>Early Neo-natal Deaths</u> (under 1 week of age)	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	1	0	1
Illegitimate	0	0	0
	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>
	<u>-----</u>	<u>-----</u>	<u>-----</u>



Causes of Death at Different Periods of Life

<u>Causes of Death</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>All</u> <u>Ages</u>	<u>Under</u> <u>4</u> <u>weeks</u>	<u>4</u> <u>weeks &amp;</u> <u>under 1</u> <u>year</u>	<u>Age in Years</u>								
					1-5-	15-	25-	35-	45-	55-	65-	75	
11. Malignant Neoplasm	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	
Lung bronchus	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
12. Malignant Neoplasm	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	
Stomach.	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	
14. Other Malignant and	M	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	
Lymphatic neoplasm	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
17. Vascular lesions of	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	
Nervous system.	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	
18. Coronary Disease	M	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	1	
Angina.	F	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	2	
20. Other heart disease	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	
22. Influenza.	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
24. Bronchitis	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
28. Nephritis and	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	
Nephrosis.	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
31. Congenital	M	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Malformation.	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
33. Motor Vehicle	M	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Accidents.	F	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	
34. All other accidents	M	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	
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TOTALS ALL CAUSES	M	18	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	6	3	6	
	F	14	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	5	6	
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TOTAL	M & F	32	1	-	-	1	2	-	-	1	7	12	

Chief Causes of Death

Diseases of Heart and Circulation	16
Malignant neoplasm (Cancer)	6



SECTION "C"

Prevalence and Control over Infectious Disease

Infectious Disease (other than Tuberculosis) during 1966

<u>Disease</u>	<u>Final Numbers after correction</u>	<u>Deaths</u>
Measles	16	0
Whooping Cough	7	0
	<u>23</u>	<u>0</u>

Analysis under age groups according to Registrar General's Return 118d

<u>Age Groups</u>	<u>Measles</u>	<u>Whooping Cough</u>
Under 1 year	1	0
1 to 2 years	0	0
2 to 3 years	2	2
3 to 4 years	2	0
4 to 5 years	0	1
5 to 9 years	11	4
10 to 14 years	0	0
15 to 24 years	0	0
25 and over	0	0
	<u>16</u>	<u>7</u>
Total	16	7



## TUBERCULOSIS

During the year no cases were notified and no cases removed from the Register, leaving 11 people still on the Register. Most of these people are either at work or ambulatory.

There is full co-operation between Local Authority and the Chest Physician at Markfield Hospital and the Outwoods Hospital, Burton-on-Trent and every assistance is given in the ascertainment of contacts, re-housing or in employment.

A special clinic for contacts has been working very satisfactorily at Markfield and Outwoods Hospital, Burton-on-Trent and General Practitioners have availed themselves fully of X-ray facilities.





## SECTION "B"

### General Provisions of the Health Services in the Area

#### Hospitals

All hospitals except a few private Maternity and Nursing Homes are under the Sheffield Regional Hospital Board. The County Homes for the elderly are under the auspices of the County Council. When their residents take ill they become the responsibility of the Regional Hospital Board.

#### Treatment Centres and Clinics

Infant Welfare Clinics are held every second and fourth Tuesday afternoon at the Centenary Methodist Church, Measham Road, Moira. The ante-natal Clinics are held at Bridge Road, Coalville and Tuberculosis Clinics at Markfield Hospital under the Regional Hospital Board. Relaxation classes for pregnant mothers are held at Ivanhoe Community Centre, Ashby-de-la-Zouch on Wednesday mornings except during school holidays.

#### Ambulance Facilities

The Ambulance Service throughout Leicestershire is provided by the County Council from eight ambulance stations. The whole fleet is equipped with two-way radio communication and all ambulance movements are controlled from the Ambulance Headquarters at 5, Ireton Road, Leicester. A 24 hours service is provided. The Ambulance Service in North West Leicestershire is provided by The County Council from the Coalville Ambulance Station, where three ambulances and five dual purpose vehicles are based to give a 24 hour service.

During 1966 vehicles based in the Coalville Ambulance Station carried 24, 532 patients a total of 223, 278 miles.

Colliery accidents are removed by ambulances provided by The National Coal Board stationed at Nailstone Colliery and Bath Lane, Moira.

#### Nursing

All district Nursing and Midwifery is under the control of the County Council.

#### Health Visiting

This work is provided by the County Council and is very ably carried out in this area. A diabetic Health Visitor attends the Clinics at the Leicester Royal Infirmary and visits the patients in their homes on request.



Laboratory facilities are provided by The Public Health Laboratory at the Isolation Hospital, Seely Road, Leicester.

Generally there is co-operation between the local Authority and the services provided by the Executive Council and Hospital Boards and the tendency is towards closer integration.

#### Meals on Wheels Scheme

Hot meals are delivered twice weekly to some 12 elderly and infirm people.



SECTION 'D'

Sanitary Circumstances in the Area

Water Supply

The water supply to the whole of the district was satisfactory in quality and quantity.

Samples of water for examination taken by The North West Leicestershire Water Board.

The water is not liable to plumbo-solvent action.

Particulars of water supply to dwelling houses in the district.

<u>Internal mains water supply</u>		<u>Mains water from external stand pipes</u>		<u>Well water supply</u>	
<u>No of dwelling houses</u>	<u>Population</u>	<u>No of dwelling houses</u>	<u>Population</u>	<u>No of dwelling houses</u>	<u>Population</u>
1085	3327	3	Nil	-	-

The North West Leicestershire Water Board is responsible for undertaking all necessary repairs.

Sewage Disposal

Satisfactory effluents from all three sewage disposal works have been maintained.





## Closet Accommodation

The total number in the district on 31st December 1966

Privies	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0
Pail Closets	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	14
W/Cs	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1074

Pail closets are emptied weekly by the use of a Shelvoke & Drewry Cesspool Emptying Machine and cesspools as necessary. Contents are taken to the Sewage Works for treatment.

## Public Cleansing

The whole district is covered by the use of a Shelvoke & Drewry Refuse Freighter and a weekly collection is always maintained. Disposal is to one controlled tip.

## Sanitary Inspections of the Area

(a)	Total number of complaints	..	..	..	..	57
(b)	Total number of premises at which defects or nuisances were dealt with	..	..	..	..	53

### Inspections Made

### No of Inspections

Animal Keeping	0
Bakehouses	3
Dairies	0
Drainage Works	50
Dwelling Houses	253
Infectious Diseases (enquiries)	0
Food poisoning (enquiries)	0
Food premises	18
Offensive trades	0
Refuse collection and disposal	389
Rodent control	32
Schools	1
Shops and Offices	0
Slaughterhouses and meat inspection	97
Smoke Control	0
Caravans etc.	10
Verminous and dirty premises	14
Water Supply	48
Factories and Workshops	9
Other inspections	269
	<u>1193</u>

## Notices

<u>Preliminary</u>	<u>Housing</u>	<u>Public Health</u>
Outstanding on 1st Jan, 1966	0	0
Issued during the year	7	4
Complied with during the year	6	4
Outstanding on 31st Dec, 1966	1	0
<u>Statutory:-</u>		

No Statutory Notices were served and no summary action was required.



Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act 1963

Registration and General Inspections

<u>Class of Premises</u>	<u>Total number of registered premises</u>	<u>Number of Registered premises receiving a general inspection during the year</u>
Offices	1	0
Retail Shops	9	0
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses	0	0
Catering Establishments open to the public, canteens	0	0
Fuel Storage depots	0	0
	<u>10</u>	<u>0</u>

Number of visits of all kinds by inspectors to registered premises

The Pet Animals Act 1951

There are no pet shops in the Urban District.

The Rag Flock and Other Filling Act 1951

No action.

Swimming Baths and Pools open to the public

There are no Swimming Baths in the district.

Vermineous Premises

One house (not a Council house) was infested and disinfested.



### Prevention of Damage by Pests Act 1949,

32 infestations were dealt with, 3 inspections were made by the Public Health Inspector and 29 by the Rodent Operator (part time).

### Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act 1960

Number of site licences issued:-

(a)	Individual vans	-	8
(b)	More than one van	-	0
	Action taken	-	None

### Housing

The only housing development during the year was the completion of 2 houses by private enterprise. One house was commenced and under construction at 31st December, 1966.

Number of post war houses completed by:-

Local Authority	222
Private Enterprise	86
Total	<u>308</u>

Number of applications for Council houses at the end of year - 128

Number of applications received during the year - 59

### Housing Summary

Total number of occupied houses in the district - 1088

Total number of council houses occupied in the district - 354

Much time and attention was again required to deal with problems resulting from mining subsidence.

78 dwelling houses were inspected during the year for housing defects and 253 inspections made for the purpose.



SECTION 'E'

Inspection and Supervision of Food

Ice Cream

Number of premises registered

Manufacture	..	Nil
Retail only	..	7

Milk Supply

<u>Dairies and Distributors</u>	NIL
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All biological and bacteriological milk sampling undertaken by the County Council with satisfactory results.

Meat and Other Foods

Record of Animals killed and inspected

	Cattle					
	<u>Excluding cows</u>	<u>Cows</u>	<u>Calves</u>	<u>Sheep</u>	<u>Pigs</u>	<u>Horses</u>
Number killed	50	0	0	154	31	0
Number inspected	50	0	0	154	31	0
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	0	0	0	0	0	0
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	1	0	0	3	0	0
Percentage of the number inspected affected with diseases other than tuberculosis or cysticerous.	2%	0	0	2%	0	0
<u>Tuberculosis Only</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	0	0	0	0	0	0
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis.	0	0	0	0	0	0
<u>Cysticerous</u>						
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Generalised and totally condemned.	0	0	0	0	0	0





Number of Slaughterhouses in the area	..	..	..	..	1
Number of Animals slaughtered in the area	..	..	..	..	235
Number of Animals examined therein	..	..	..	..	235
Number of Inspections made of the meat following slaughter	..	..	..	..	235
Number of Knackers Yards in the area	..	..	..	..	0

Meat Stalls including Mobile Shops	..	..	..	..	4
Number of inspections	..	..	..	..	3
Meat Shops, stores etc.	..	..	..	..	10
Number of inspections	..	..	..	..	8

Places where food (other than meat) is kept or prepared for sale

Number of inspections	..	..	..	..	40
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Food Hygiene Regulations 1965

The standard of hygiene in food shops and premises is very satisfactory and owners, managers and staff are most co-operative in endeavouring to maintain the high standard of cleanliness.

Number of premises inspected	..	..	..	..	8
Number of inspections made for the purpose	..	..	..	..	21
Number of informal notices served	..	..	..	..	Nil
Number of informal notices complied with	..	..	..	..	Nil
Number of informal notices outstanding on 1st January 1966	..	..	..	..	Nil
Number of informal notices outstanding on 31st December 1966	..	..	..	..	Nil
Number of formal notices served	..	..	..	..	Nil
Number of formal notices complied with	..	..	..	..	Nil
Number of formal notices outstanding on 31st December, 1966	..	..	..	..	Nil

Prescribed particulars on the Administration of the Factories Act 1937 and 1948 Part 1 of the Act.

Resume' of the Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health in respect of the year 1966 which has already been sent to the Ministry of Labour and National Service, Orphanage Road, Watford. Herts.

Part 1 of the Act

Inspection for the purposes of provisions as to Health (Including inspections made by the Public Health Inspector)

Premises	No on Register	Inspections	Written Notices
1. Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority.	0	0	0
2. Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	11	14	3
3. Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority.	<u>4</u> 15	<u>8</u> 22	<u>0</u> 3

Part 8 of the Act, Outwork (Section 110 and 111)

There are NO current entries in the Register of Outworkers.

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